Increase in allocation for education

762. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not kept their promise for raising the allocation of funds for ecucation to six per cent of the GNP which is now at 3.9 per cent as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 16th July, 1993 ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that higher education in special field of technology is being neglected and State Universities are reeling under severe resource crunch ;

(c) what is the ratio of allocation of fund by University Grant Commission between Plan and Non-Plan sectors during Eighth Plan period (1992—97) as against the allocation made during 1975-80 and 1981-91 period; and

(d) what ways and means are being found out by University Grant Commission/the Central Government for augmenting the sources for meeting demands of Universities particularly Rajasthan and Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (Km. SELJA) : (a) The National Policy on Education postulates that public outlay on education should be 6 % of the national income. The public outlay on education has risen from 1.2% in 1950-51 to 3.9 %. The allocation could have been higher but for fiscal constraints and competing priorities.

(b) The Central plan allocation for technical education has been stepped up from Rs. 170 crores in 1992-93 to Rs. 198 crores in 1993-94. Financing of state universities is largly done by State Governments.

(c) The details of plan allocation and non-plan expenditure of UGC is given below :

(Rs. in crores)

	1975-80	1981-91	1992-97
Plan Allocation	216.00	961.00	612.38
Non-Plan Expenditure	241.56	1477.20	308.01 (For 1992-93 only)

The ration of plan allocation to non-plan expenditure was 1-12 in 1975-80 and' 1.54 in 1981-91. Details of non-plan expenditure for 8th plan are not available as non-plan outlays are provided annually.

(d) Financing of State universities has to be done largly by State Governments. UGC provides funds for developmental activities.

बेसहारा बच्चों को औपचारिक प्राथमिक शिक्षा

763. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार बेसहारा बच्चों को औपचारिक प्राथमिक शिक्षा देने हेतु एक नई योजना आरंभ कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा बेसहारा बच्चों की ओर विशेष ध्यान देने के संबंध में उठाए जाने वाले प्रस्तावित कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभाग में उपमंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।